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# **BLACK LION-6**

## **Command Philosophy**

**Serving a Nation at War**



# BLACK LION VISION

**Black Lion Leaders:** The most important and sacred responsibility given to us is the privilege of leading American Soldiers. Your Soldiers must understand what is truly important within the Black Lion Battalion. This command philosophy is the basic framework that will enable our Team to build a world-class Infantry Battalion capable of successfully completing the Nation's most difficult missions.




## Vision:

Our goal is to achieve one objective: **The Black Lion Battalion is prepared to go to War and Win.** 1-28 IN Leaders and Soldiers thrive in conditions of uncertainty and stress and have the physical and mental toughness to overcome every obstacle – we live the Warrior Ethos. Black Lions are empowered to use their initiative, take prudent risks, and exploit opportunities to accomplish the mission. We take pride in our Black Lion history and unit reputation: No mission too difficult – No sacrifice too great – Duty First!







# COMMITMENTS

## Black Lion Commitments:

-  The mission we accomplish for our country is worth the demands we place on our leaders and Soldiers. This is our commitment to our Nation.
-  We will train our Soldiers to the standard and be prepared to execute our battlefield mission, worldwide, at a moments notice. This is our commitment to our Soldiers.
-  We owe our Families a great debt of gratitude which we can never repay, and must never forget. When duty calls, the Black Lions will do our duty; when it does not, we will be there for our families. This is our commitment to our Families.



# BLOCKING & TACKLING

-  Discipline: Hallmark of the Infantry Soldier and the most important element of the Battalion. Demand discipline in all unit actions from barracks life to target discrimination in combat.
-  Physical Training: Black Lion units foster a PT culture; our Soldiers are “PT Animals” that will out last the enemy in the fight.
-  Marksmanship: Black Lions are experts on their assigned weapon. Proficiency in Advanced Rifle Marksmanship is a fundamental skill required to execute Infantry battle drills.
-  Battle Drills: Instinctive battle drills at the Team, Squad, and Platoon level, developed through battle-focused repetition will enable the Black Lions to defeat the enemy decision cycle.



# CORE COMPETENCIES



**Leader Development:** Train Leaders first, develop the “will to train.” Black Lion leaders will be capable of decentralized combat operations – empowered to think in a “learning organization.”



**Go-to-War Readiness:** Pride of ownership is the key to maintenance. Our Battalion will go to war with the equipment we have on hand – demand that it is maintained at 10/20 standards.



**Family Readiness Group:** Provide information, stability, and calendar predictability to our Black Lion families. Soldiers and Families obtain “balance” through a standard duty day.



**Composite Risk Management:** Resides at the Squad and Platoon leadership level – know who our high risk Soldiers are and take pro-active actions to develop a “true” change of behavior.







**Ranger School:** Inspire every Lieutenant and Sergeant to attend Ranger School – this is a leadership school designed for Infantrymen. Prepare for combat today!





# BLACK LION REPUTATION

-  Team players within the Battalion, Brigade Combat Team, and FT Riley. Team = We (not I).
-  Professional Soldiers who are expert Infantrymen – Proud, Disciplined, Dedicated Warriors.
-  When the Black Lions meet the enemy on the battlefield, the enemy will lose every time.
-  Lethal Black Lion Squads and Platoons will GET TO THE OBJECTIVE.



# INFANTRY NCO's



Discipline enforcer – the Black Lion reputation will be based on the discipline standards demanded by our NCOs



Field discipline: TACSOP uniform standards, Kevlar on, LBV fastened, camouflage, weapon within arms reach



Train our Soldiers / Team Leaders to conduct decentralized operations = Warrior Ethos + Army Values + Understand Cdrs Intent



Barracks presence: We own the barracks – daily checks to ensure Black Lion Soldiers are living within standards (after PT / duty day / weekends – off duty)



Conduct demanding PT – the cornerstone of combat readiness



Task – Conditions – Standards

**BLACK LIONS**

**1-28 INFANTRY**



# INFANTRY NCO's



Be with Soldiers – Lead from the Front: PT to Tactical Training  
Provide predictability for a Soldier – enforce the training schedule



100% accountability – everything good in the Army starts with accountability



March Soldiers to training and in the Battalion Area – unit pride



Strong advocates of E-Army-U: Sign up and monitor our Soldiers  
Establish unit pride – The Black Lions!!



Declare a War on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse (DUI)



Conduct composite risk management – you know our high risk Soldiers,  
be a proactive leader





# BLACK LION ETHOS

*Winning is not a sometimes thing; it is an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing. There is no room for second place. There is only one place and that is first place. Vince Lombardi*

***Soldiers should want to be a part of the Black Lion winning team!!***



# BL-6 STANDING ORDER

**In the absence of orders, determine what they should be and execute.**

